

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: ST-7396

APPLICANT: Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc.
PO Box 580
Freeland, WA 98249

FACILITY: 5400 S Cameron Road
Freeland, Island County

Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc. has reapplied for a State Waste Discharge permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc. presently operates a ship construction and repair facility. The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of industrial stormwater and rinse water (yard cleaning, vessel hull wetting for pressure testing, deck and hull cleaning, and crawler rinse down) to groundwater.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, email at sper@ecy.wa.gov

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3180 - 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Email comments should be sent to tmil461@ecy.wa.gov

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Tricia Miller at (425) 648-7201 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at (800) 833-6388

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